GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4579
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BORDER TALKS WITH BANGLADESH
AMAR ROY PRADHAN;RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether joint Boundary Working Groups to settle boundary related matters with Bangladesh have been constituted;

(b) if so, the composition thereof;

(c) whether any meeting of the working groups took place in Delhi recently;

(d) if so, the details of the discussions;

(e) whether India has offered a composite package in this regard to Bangladesh on which the views of Bangladesh Government are awaited; and

(f) if so, when this package was offered and by when the views of Bangladesh are likely to be received?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes.

(b) The teams may include all concerned agencies including representatives from the Ministries of External / Foreign Affairs, Home Affairs, Land, Law, Water Resources; and officers of land records, survey, border guarding forces from both sides, and the concerned State governments in the case of India.

(c) The second meeting of the Joint Boundary Working Groups was held in New Delhi on 26-27 March 2002.

(d) The discussions covered all outstanding issues relating to the implementation of the India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974 including pending demarcation of the boundary, exchange of adverse possessions and enclaves.

(e) Yes.

(f) The package was offered during the second meeting of the Joint Boundary Working Groups in March 2002. It is difficult to indicate as to by when the views of Government of Bangladesh would be received.